
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Friday, March 19, 2021

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5381](#)

BY Williams, Batista, Giraldo, Caldwell, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC30/1}

(Requires firearm sellers to require purchaser to execute medical authorization/release form for release of records relating to addiction/alcoholism/mental health illness for a period of five (5) years.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5386](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Knight, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Speakman, Blazejewski, Carson, Amore, Kazarian, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC1017/1}

(Prohibits obtaining/purchasing/transferring a firearm on behalf of another person if other person prohibited from possessing firearm with increase in penalties for those offenses and applications amended to state number of firearms purchased.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5395](#)

BY O'Brien, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) {LC559/1} (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5553](#)

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Batista, Felix, Ajello, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1016/1}

(Felony to store firearms unlocked.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5554](#)

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Felix, Ajello, McEntee,
Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY
FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2021 {LC1014/1} (Bans firearm magazines that hold ten (10) or
more rounds.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5555](#)

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State)

BY Kazarian, Diaz, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Caldwell, Blazejewski, McEntee, Carson,
Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC912/1}
(Prohibits the possession of firearms on school grounds except for peace officers, retired law
enforcement officers, persons under contract to provide school security services, and unloaded
firearms in locked containers or a locked rack on motor vehicles.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5556](#)

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Batista, Williams, Amore,
Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS
{LC1345/1} (Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5557](#)

BY Lima, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC901/1}

(Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license may carry a stun gun.
This act would also add "tasers" to the definition of "firearm" and would provide for an appeal
process for denial of an application for a permit.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5558](#)

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Corvese, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1114/1}

(Allows those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5639](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1855/1}

(Allows reciprocal concealed carry permits from out of state to be valid in Rhode Island, which is either authorized by the attorney general or subject to other reciprocal restrictions.)

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5726](#)

BY Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC960/1}

(Defines rifle and shotgun and makes it unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public subject to various exemptions for law enforcement and other authorized individuals.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5727](#)

BY Casey, Filippi, Craven, Lima, Chippendale, Corvese, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC2031/1} (Requires the office of the attorney general to issue a report containing the total cases charged with a firearm in all Rhode Island courts and a list of cases charged with a firearm which have been disposed during the calendar year.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5730](#)

BY Cardillo, Noret, Baginski, Corvese, Perez, Chippendale, Solomon, Lima, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC1881/1}

(Authorizes the attorney general to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Massachusetts and/or Connecticut for handgun permits.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5882](#)

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1770/1}

(Amends the definition of firearms to include tasers, as well as define taser and stun gun.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5942](#)

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, Ajello, Fogarty, Alzate, Barros, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC403/1}

(Prohibits schools from offering employment incentives or bonuses to teachers on the condition that the teacher either is or becomes licensed to carry a weapon.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5969](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Felix, Knight, Tanzi, Cassar, Shanley, Caldwell, Batista, Craven, McEntee, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC1018/1}

(Defines rifle and shotguns as weapons and makes unlawful possession of a loaded rifle/shotgun in public with exceptions punishable up to five (5) years in prison or a \$5,000 fine.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5970](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Knight, Fogarty, Kislak, Amore, Henries, Batista, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1786/1}

(Increases the age from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years for lawful sale of firearms or ammunition. Full-time law enforcement, state marshals and members of the U.S. military be exempt from these prohibitions.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5971](#)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Casey, Place, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1191/1}

(Creates an appeal for applicants denied a concealed firearms permit/firearms transfer with the right to superior court hearing with all records deemed as non-public records.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5972](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC1932/1}

(Permits Rhode Island residents, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, to carry a concealed handgun, without a permit.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5973](#)

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Corvese, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC995/1}

(Permits the open and concealed carry of weapons by any person in the act of evacuating the area pursuant to an order of the governor or local authority under chapter 15 of title 30.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6082](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC1706/1}

(Defines "electric arm" subjects to various protections of firearms/removes stun gun from the prohibited weapons list.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/15/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via
HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.
Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.
This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HJUD.aspx> .**

VERBAL TESTIMONY

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

***DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 18, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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